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(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

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- Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- Box No. II Priority
- Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 - This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
 - international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
 - international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the **elements*** of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

Description, Pages

1-15 as originally filed

Claims, Numbers

1-15 as originally filed

- a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) - see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing

3. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
 - the description, pages
 - the claims, Nos.
 - the drawings, sheets/figs
 - the sequence listing (*specify*):
 - any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*):
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 - the description, pages
 - the claims, Nos.
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	
	No: Claims	1-15
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	
	No: Claims	1-15
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-15
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7):

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Box No. VI Certain documents cited

1. Certain published documents (Rule 70.10)

and /or

2. Non-written disclosures (Rule 70.9)

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Reasoned statement with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Reference is made to the following documents

D1:US-A-3250778

D2:US-A-3296275

D3:US-A-3822274

2. Novelty (Art.33(2)PCT)

2.1 The present application relates to a multistep process of preparation of a vitamin B6 precursor 9-acyloxy-1,5-dihydro-8-methylpyrido[3,4-e][1,3]dioxepin derivatives(I) comprising the following steps: a) a Diels Alder addition of a 4-methyl-5-alkoxy-oxazole and a 4,7-dihydro-(1,3)-dioxepin in the absence of solvent and catalyst b) addition of an anhydrous organic acid to the product mixture and rearrangement of the Diels-Alder major product and subsequent acylation to the final product (I) The prior art Document 2.2 D1 and D2 disclose a process of preparation of (I) by the same Diels Alder reaction, in the absence of solvent and catalyst, isolation of the intermediate product and obtention of the final product (I) by treatment with either HCl (see D1 claim 1,example 21,column 2 lines71- column 3, line 8) or pyridoxine hydrochloride (see D2, claim1,Example 2). The said documents are therefore prejudicial to the Novelty of the present claims.

The subsequent examination is valid on the condition that new claims are filed which are allowable and which do not contain known subject matter.

3. Inventive step(Art.33(3)PCT)

3.1 The object of the present invention is to provide a process for the preparation of 9-

3.2 The prior art documents D1 and D2,, which disclose same process for the preparation of the same compounds are considered to represent the closest state of the art..

3.3 The experimental data comprised in the application show that the present invention provides a process for the preparation of (I). But the prior art documents describe the same process for the preparation of the same compounds. The optimization of reaction conditions is a common practise for the person skilled in the art.. Consequently the subject matter of the present claims 1-15 does not involve an inventive step. The applicant is therefore kindly requested to submit any relevant evidence for unexpected advantages

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over the prior art, which really qualifies in support of an inventive step.

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Certain documents cited

Certain published documents

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WO-A-2004058775	15.07.2004	23.12.2003	27.12.2002